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NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES, OUDH,

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Received up to 25th November, 1888.

### POLITICAL.

Correspondence between Sir Auckland Colvin and Mr. Hume about the National Congress.

The Azád (Lucknow), of the 23rd November, says that the tone of Sir Auckland Colvin's letter is remarkably grave and moderate, while that of Mr. Hume's reply to

it is quite the reverse. His Honor has well criticized the foolish proceedings and pamphlets of the Congressists, but the latter has only abused his opponents. Sir Auckland Colvin's letter is to a certain extent a good index to the feeling of Government towards the Congress. He should not have deferred an expression of his views so long. His silence encouraged the Congressists in Oudh to become abusive and impertinent. Government can bear any amount of abuse, but cannot tolerate any attempts at spreading sedition in the country. It would be a good thing if Lord Dufferin expressed his opinion about the Congress before his departure. Hitherto Government officials refrained from expressing their views: not through fear of incurring the displeasure of cowardly Bengalis and other misguided promoters of the Congress, but because great misapprehensions prevailed in England. But the United Indian Patriotic Association has lately succeeded in enlightening the British public and drowned the voices of Dabdabha Narauji and W. C. Bannerji. It is a matter of great satisfaction that Sir Auckland Colvin has had the courage to speak out his mind, even though he has been much abused by Mr. Hume, who is now in a state of dotage.

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A correspondent of the same paper says that Sir Auckland Colvin's letter is a well-reasoned document and is a model of gravity and moderation. On the contrary, the tone of Mr. Hume's letter is immoderate and indignant and does not become an able and experienced man like him. In his Allahabad speech he inculcated patience and moderation on the promoters of the Congress, but he himself did not exercise those qualities in writing his letter above referred to. He has endeavoured to answer some of the objections as best he could, but he is quite silent with reference to the other objections. Sir Auckland Colvin's comments on the Catechism and the Conversation between Faridu-l-din and Rám Baksh are very just and reasonable, and Mr. Hume may be excused for his inability to answer them. Mr. Hume says that Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khán's intellect has been impaired by old age, but is not the same charge equally applicable to himself? However it must be said to his credit that he does not yield the palm to Sir Auckland Colvin so far as the length of the letters is concerned: His Honor's letter occupies nine columns of the Pioneer, while Mr. Hume's extends over eighteen columns.

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The Proyág Samáchár (Allahabad), of the 19th NovemNational Congress meeting at Allahabad. ber, gives a brief account of the proceedings of a National Congress meeting held in the Káyasth Pathshala, Allahabad, on the 17th
idem, under the presidency of the Hon'ble Pandit Ajodhya
Náth. The Pandit and Rája Rámpal Singh appealed to the
audience to give donations to meet the expenses of the
approaching Congress.

Circulation, 85 copies. The Almora Akhbár, of the 19th November, condemns
the charge of disloyalty brought
against the promoters of the National Congress by Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khán as false and malicious, refers to some of the reforms in the administration
proposed by the National Congress, and thinks that the reforms would tend to check the high handed and illegal proceedings of Government officials.

The Oudh Punch (Lucknow), of the 15th November,

Alleged adoption of an objectionable method by the promoters of the Na-

tional Congress for raising

subscriptions.

with reference to the complaint of the Najmu-l-Akhlar of Etawah about the alleged adoption by the promoters of the Congress of an objectionable

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method for raising subscriptions, says that the complaint is entirely unfounded. If a man was really found raising subscriptions in the way described by the Nujmu-l-Akhbar, why did it not mention his name and why was he not made over to the police by anti-Congressists, who are ready to heap abuse on the devoted heads of the promoters of the Congress? It is simply impossible that the agents of the Congress should be able to raise subscriptions in villages in the way alleged without the aid of village patwaris or ziladars, but these officials would never assist in the collection of any subscriptions until they received written orders from Tabsildars.

The Prayág Samáchár (Allahabad), of the 19th November,

Public meeting held at gives a brief account of a public meetMajhauli, Gorakhpur. ing held at Majhauli, Gorakhpur, on
the 10th idem, under the auspices of Lál Kharag Bahádur,
son and heir to the Rája of Majhauli. Among others the
Rájas of Satási, Majhauli, and Badhiapár were present. The
attendance would have been much larger than it was had
not the people been led to imagine that the meeting would
express opposition to the National Congress. But the meeting did not do so. Lál Kharag Bahadur made a speech
urging the expedience of forming an Association composed
of the nobility of Gorakhpur and Basti districts with a view
to occasionally laying their grievances before Government.
His proposal was approved by the meeting and an Association was formed.

Circulation, 400 copies.

The Agra Punch, of the 20th November, publishes a Subsidy paid to the Amír picture in which Afghánistan is represented as a camel feeding on the sented as a camel feeding on the leaves of a tree called the Wealth of of India, and India as a female mendicant looking on with grief. In the same picture a man with a bare head, called the National Congress, is represented as being stabbed by

Circulation, 156 copies. Sir Saiyid Ahmad Khán and appealing to Government for help.

### GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Circulation, 240 copies.

The Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the 21st and 22nd November, says that since the news of Lord Lord Dufferin's Indian administration. Dufferin's retirement spread in this country the Indian Mirror has been making very violent attacks on his Lordship. When a public meeting was held at Calcutta to praise his Lordship for his administration and express regret at his early retirement, the Indian Mirror went the length of agitating for a counter-demonstration being made and had this done. Although some of its comments on Lord Dufferin's administration are just and fair, no sensible man can approve of the way in which it has been abusing his Lordship. The Hindustan then refers to the letter contributed by Mr. Hume to the Calcutta newspaper condemning its attacks on the Viceroy, and says that although Theebaw was a great tyrant and deserved to be dethroned, and although the newly-acquired province of Burma will provide employment for many natives, the Hindustán does not approve of the Burma war and censures Lord Dufferin for it, inasmuch as the war has caused ruin and misery to thousands of innocent Burmans, destroyed the Burman community, and led to an increase in the salt duty and the introduction of the income-tax. If he was obliged to declare war under pressure from the Conservative Ministry, he should be excused to some extent. He is entitled to great praise for his North-West frontier policy. He averted a war with the Russian Government, which seemed to be imminent on the occupation of Panjdeh by the Russian army, and re-assured the public mind in this country. The Hindustán approves of the Hazára expedition, the proposed location of a contingent of British forces at Gilgit, and the construction of the Quetta railway, though the work on that line is not being pushed on so hastily as it should be. As regards the Sikkim war, it was an unnecessary one, but need not be severely condemned, as it caused no great bloodshed. The war is to be regretted only in so far that it

put the Indian treasury to an unnecessary expense of some lakhs of rupees. The internal administration of Lord Dufferin has not been so successful as it was expected to be. Mr. Hume is quite right in saying that his Lordship's attention was almost entirely occupied with foreign affairs and that he had little time left to attend to the internal affairs of the country. The Hindustán then praises him for the appointment of the Public Service Commission, and says that although it does not approve of all the proposals of the Commission, some of them, if sanctioned, will be highly beneficial to natives. His Lordship has shown no opposition to the National Congress.

The Ainu-l-Akhbar (Moradabad), of the 8th November,

Curriculum of studies for received on the 19th idem, disapproves
the Entrance Examination of the exclusion of Urdu from the

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Entrance Examination of the Allahabad University, and complains that although the University, at the instance of Inspectors and Head-Masters of schools, has agreed to allow the candidates for the next Examination to take Urdu as their second language, the candidates have lost much valuable time owing to these changes in their vernacular course of study. Again, some of the books prescribed by the University are not yet available, and consequently the candidates will hardly be able to answer the questions in those books at the Examination. The University should not have prescribed books which the boys are unable to get. The Ainu-l-Akhbár hopes that the University will make an allowance for these things at the time of the Examination.

The Subodh Sindha (Khandwa), of the 21st November,
referring to the late Pleadership Examination, Central Provinces, mination held in the Central Provinces, says that the total number of candidates was 35, of whom 28 presented themselves at the

time of examination. But 25 candidates failed in criminal law, in which the Examination was held on the first day, and consequently they were not allowed to appear at the Examination on following days. Only three candidates were present

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throughout the Examination, but even all these three are not likely to have proved successful. There is reason to think that only one of them succeeded, though his name has not yet been published in the Government Gazette. It is almost needless to say that such a result is very unsatisfactory and must be a source of great disappointment to the candidates. The wholesale failure is in a large degree due to the mismanagement of the Examination. On the first day of examination fees were realized from the candidates from 10 A.M. to 11 A.M., and another hour was spent by them in writing down the questions. In this way they lost two hours, and they had to finish their answers by 3 P.M. Hence it will be seen that they were not given sufficient time to answer the questions. Last year the Núgpur Samáchár drew attention to the necessity for providing printed question-papers for the candidates, but this was not done on this occasion: the questions were dictated to the candidates. Considering the questions even for the Maráthi Lower Primary School Examinations are printed, it is a matter of surprise that the questions for the Pleadership Examination are not. Another cause to which the failure of so many candidates on the first day was chiefly due was that they were examined in criminal law while they were prepared for examination in civil law on that day. In the three preceding years the Examination was held in civil law on the first day.

Circulation, 300 copies.

A correspondent of the Amiru-l-Akhbir (Meerut), of the 16th November, says that it is no Revision of settlement matter for surprise that India is in Bulandshahr, Hissar, becoming poorer and poorer every day. When the people are already groaning under heavy taxation, Government has ordered the settlement to be revised in some districts. As it is, landlords pay revenue with great difficulty, and consequently an increase in the revenue assessments is sure to induce them to abandon their estates. In Bulandshahr and some other districts the assessments have been doubled. But in Hissar the total amount of revenue has been raised from three and a half lakhs of rupees to twelve lakhs! Such a proceeding is more arbitrary than were the orders of even Nadir Shah. It is believed that

Nawab Mahmud Ali Khan of Chhatari has resolved to relinquish his estate and to migrate to Medina on account of the severe assessment of revenue on his estate. Government has prevented him for the present on some pretext, from starting on his journey, but it cannot detain him long. Other landlords are sure to follow his example if the assessments are not reduced. The writer then publishes a small Urdu poem complaining of the alleged severity of assessments and declaring that all landlords and cultivators will be obliged to leave their lands.

The Nasim-i-Agra, of the 23rd November, gives an account
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stone of the Female Hospital at Agra by tal at Agra by Lady Dufferin, and says that she has

laid all India under a great obligation to her by providing female medical aid for native women and that, like Ahilya, Mandodari, and Kunti, her name will always be mentioned with honour by natives.

A correspondent of the Hindustán (Kálákankar), of the

Alleged dilatoriness of the Revenue Courts at Gházipur seem to zipur.

Revenue Courts at Gházipur seem to be very slow and dilatory. One

Jashan Kandu of Gahmar applied twenty months ago for the substitution of his name in place of that of his father, but the mutation has not yet been made.

The Najmu-l-Akhbar (Etawah), of the 16th November, is

Orders issued by the Collector of Bijnor about the supply of provisions to camps of officials.

glad to say that the Collector of Bijnor has issued an excellent circular order about the supply of provisions and

other things to camps of officials in the district. The Tahsildárs are to send officials in camp statements of bazár rates for gram, flour, ghi (clarified butter), &c., and the officials are to satisfy themselves that full payments have been made to the traders at those rates. The sarishtadárs are to keep an eye on the chaprásis and camp-followers. If a trader desires to-make a complaint, the orderly should introduce him to the official in camp; otherwise the orderly will be dismissed. There

Circulation, 620 copies.

Circulation, 240 copies.

Circulation, 185 copies. are also other good instructions in the circular. Other district officers would do well to follow suit and issue similar instructions.

Circulation, 491 copies. The Rájputána Gozette (Ajmere), of the 19th November,
Bábu Bájeshar Mittra,
Assistant Engineer, Ajthe dishonest," refers to the charges
which were brought against Bábu
Rájeshar Mittra, Assistant Engineer, Ajmere, by one Munshi
Harnám Singh, an ex-Overseer, before the Executive Engineer of Ajmere, and expresses surprise that Colonel Walter,
Agent to the Governor-General for R jputána, far from
making an inquiry into the charges, has promoted the Assistant Engineer from the second to the first grade.

Circulation, 425 copies. The Oudh Funch (Lucknow), of the 15th November,
Scarcity of grain in some publishes a picture in which famine
parts of India. is represented as a monster ready to
attack natives and India as a woman trying to keep off the
monster and re-assuring natives. A bag of money called
the Famine Fund lies at her feet.

Circulation, 225 copies.

The Bullul-i-Hind (Moradabad), of the 19th November, ascribes the scarcity of grain to its wholesale export to Europe, and urges that, in order to check the export, the Municipal Boards should levy a heavy export duty in place of the present import duty on grain.

Circulation, 150 copies. A correspondent of the Chicagh-i-Aiman (Agra), of the

Complaints against the

Tahaildir and the City Inspector of Police, Farukhabad, complains that the Tahaildir
spector of Police, Farukhabad, complains that the Tahaildir
of that place has imposed an income
tax of Rs. 10 on each dancing-girl
but that he has exempted one dancing-girl named James
for reasons best known to himself. This year he him-

but that he has exempted one dancing-girl named Jamps for reasons best known to himself. This year he himself collected subscriptions from native bankers for the Rámlila and entirely managed the fair. He has made a proposal to the effect that a whole manza or village should be purchased from public subscription and that the expenses of the Rám ila should be met from the income from the

carried on in the city, and that when any police constable attempts to interfere with the gamblers, they do not mind him and tell him that they have obtained permission from the City Inspector of Police on payment of a gratification. Another cause to which the increase in gaming is due is that the District Superintendent of Police has issued orders to the effect that the police should not enter a gaming-house and arrest gamblers without previously obtaining his permission.

A correspondent of the Azad (Lucknow), of the 23rd Privilege leave to Govern. November, urges that no distinction should be made among Government servants in the matter of leave, and that Government servants who receive smaller salaries should be allowed full pay during privilege leave like high-paid Government servants.

Circulation, 250 copies.

Alleged prevalence of bribery and corruption among
Government servants.

The Nasim-i-Agra; of the 23rd November, complains of
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ernment officials should now and then make secret inquiries into the conduct of the officials subordinate to them in order to check the evil.

### POST-OFFICE AND BAILWAY.

The Bulbul-i-Hind (Moradabad), of the 19th November, refers to the alleged inconvenience and Rules about the payment loss which the rules about the preof postage for privileged payment of postage in cash for the month for privileged newspapers involve on the editors of those newspapers, and urges the introduction of quarter-anna postage stamps with a view to remedying the evil. Bulbut is of opinion that exchange copies should continue to be sent free as at present. The introduction of such stamps would save postmasters a great deal of unnecessary Another advantage to the public from the introduction of quarter-anna stamps would be that quarteranna stamps would be affixed to packets not exceeding five tolas in weight, while half-anna stamps have to be

Circulation. 225 copies used at present. Moreover, the measure would increase, and not reduce, the Government revenue.

Circulation, 300 copies.

The Amiru-l-Akhbar (Meerut), of the 16th November. referring to the rumour that the ln-Proposed abolition of indian Railway authorities have resolved termediate class railway carriages. to abolish the intermediate class, says that the measure will cause great inconvenience to respectable natives who generally travel in that class. They do not like to travel second class through fear of ill-treatment by European soldiers, nor third class, which is over-crowded. If railway officials hate natives, they had better also abolish the third class. In that case they would not have to deal with niggers. The East Indian Railway authorities have lately issued an order to the effect that if a passenger over-travels beyond the station for which he holds a ticket, he will be liable to punishment. Nothing can be more objectionable than such an order. Sometimes passengers over-travel by falling asleep at their destination. Formely they had to pay additional fare for the distance over-travelled, but now they will be liable to punishment. The Government of India should get such objectionable orders cancelled.

Circulation, 690 copies.

A correspondent of the Oudh Akhban (Lucknow), of the 22nd November, praises the British Grievances of the inter-mediate and the third class Government for the benefits it has railway passengers. bestowed on natives and draws attention to the grievances of the intermediate and the third class railway passengers. The writer complains that although the intermediate class passengers have to pay fare at a higher rate than the third class passengers, no additional comfort is provided for them. The maximum number of passengers fixed for each compartment is twelve, and on occasions of fairs sixteen and even twenty men are seated in each compartment. The inconvenience to which the passengers are exposed from over-crowding, particularly in the hot weather, may be easily imagined. Even privies have not been provided in intermediate class carriages on some lines. With reference to the third class, the writer complains that although the passengers of that class contribute the largest

share of railway revenues, the Railway authorities do not pay much attention to their convenience and comfort. There is much over-crowding in the carriages, and there are no privies in them. The want of privies is a source of great inconvenience to the passengers, particularly to those who make long journeys at a stretch. It is true that there are privies at every railway station, but the passengers do not like to go to them for fear of being left behind or losing their luggage. Again, the arrangements for the supply of drinking-water to passengers are unsatisfactory. There are two watercarriers at every station, one being a Hindu and the other a Musalmán, but two men cannot supply water to 400 or 500 persons in a few minutes.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

The Prayag Samachar (Allahabad), of the 19th Novem-

ber, says that the Hon'ble Ráe Durga Prasad gave a dinner to the European residents of Gorakhpur on the 8th idem in honour of the District

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Feast given by Rie Durga Prasad to the European residents of Goralispur.

Magistrate's marriage. No native was invited to the feast. It is believed that European food was obtained from Calcutta, and that the triumphal arches at the gates of the premises where the feast was given bore an inscription in Sanskrit meaning :- "O Durga, save me!" The inscription was not suited to the place, nor was the Rae, who is an orthodox Hindu, well advised in supplying to his guests such food as is forbidden by the Hindu religion. Again, it is difficult to understand why the Rae gave a feast to Europeans in honour of the District Magistrate's marriage. The feast should have been given by the District Magistrate himself.

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